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April 29, 2015

SAPC Bulletin #15-04

TO: General Relief Treatment Providers

FROM: Wesley L. Ford, M.A., M.P.H., Director (Initialed Approval Signature on File)
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

SUBJECT: **GENERAL RELIEF FUNDING REDUCTION**

This is to notify you that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) has notified my office of its intent to reduce Mandatory Substance Use Disorder Recovery Program (MSUDRP) funding which targets the General Relief (GR) population. As a result, DPSS has reduced the Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) Fiscal Year 2015-16 MSUDRP allocation by \$1,280,000.

This MSUDRP funding reduction will apply to DPH-SAPC GR Statements of Work that include outpatient counseling services. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act and approval of the State Plan Amendment, outpatient counseling services for GR participants are reimbursable under Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) effective January 1, 2015. Therefore, it is critical that your staff appropriately screen all clients to determine Medi-Cal eligibility and bill DMC as the payer of first resort for eligible services.

DPH-SAPC will release a formal notice in early May informing contracted MSUDRP GR providers of the funding reduction or termination of funding. As referenced in SAPC Bulletin #14-03 (Attachment I), all non-DMC certified contracted providers are strongly encouraged to apply for State DMC certification as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sandy Song, Adult Treatment and Recovery Services Program Manager, at (626) 299-3234 or via email at sasong@ph.lacounty.gov.

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December 17, 2014

SAPC BULLETIN #14-03

TO: All Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Contracted Providers

FROM: Wesley L. Ford, Director (Initialed Approval Signature on File)

SUBJECT: **MANDATORY DRUG/MEDI-CAL BILLING**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide you with instructions on Drug/Medi-Cal (DMC) billing changes.

PROVIDERS WITH DMC CONTRACTS:

As you know, your SAPC contract requires that all participants receiving treatment services must be financially screened to identify other payer sources (e.g., Medi-Cal, private insurance, or other third party payer). With the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and approval of the State Plan Amendment (SPA), participants who were not previously eligible may now receive Medi-Cal benefits. Therefore, effective January 1, 2015, it is critical that your staff appropriately screen all clients to determine Medi-Cal eligibility and bill **Medi-Cal as the payer of first resort** for all eligible services to maximize our available Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment funding. If client services are not reimbursable under Medi-Cal, you are then required to bill the other funding sources identified in your contract (e.g., AB109, General Relief, CalWorks). The SAPC Block Grant funds will be used as the funds of last resort. We will continue to refine our automated billing system to ensure funding is maximized and services are provided in accordance with these billing regulations. Please see the Participant Eligibility provision within your SAPC agreement for more information on this requirement.

PROVIDERS WITHOUT DMC CONTRACTS:

We strongly encourage all of our contracted providers who are not already certified to apply for State DMC certification as soon as possible. Los Angeles County is considering whether to opt into the DMC 1115 Waiver, and if that occurs, all SAPC contracted providers will be required to have DMC certification. The State's DMC certification process can be lengthy, so it is important to begin the certification application process immediately as contracted providers without appropriate DMC certification may experience disruption to their SAPC contract should Los Angeles County opt into the DMC 1115 Waiver.

If you have questions about the DMC certification process, please visit SAPC's website at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/funding/DMC/DMCAApplication.htm> and/or the State's website at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/adp/Pages/Drug_MediCal.aspx.

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